

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Labedz. Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of Senator Chambers' indefinite postponement of LB 767. But I rise more so to tell Senator Chambers that, as Senator Exon once said, that ain't no way to treat a lady. And also I can't recall him ever saying the same things about Governor Charlie Thone or Governor Bob Kerrey as far as them wearing a skirt. So I just told him that I thought what he was saying was a sexist remark. But I do rise to support the kill motion on LB 767 and urge the members of the Legislature to do so also.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm being set upon as being a sexist. Senator Labedz, because I didn't say the same things about Thone, how can I say the things about Thone when he's not a woman? I didn't give him a skirt, as I gave Governor Kerrey a skirt, because I didn't think it was as strong as Governor Kerrey. He didn't merit a skirt. I was trying to raise Governor Kerrey a notch higher by giving him a skirt, and she said that ain't no way to treat a lady. We're talking about a Governor, Senator Labedz. And when she can put things in the paper, like forbidding a woman to wear pants because it is right for a woman to wear a skirt, she has brought in the gender question, and she is going to compel women to dress a certain way because they are women. But I will accept any criticism of myself for the comments that I make. But what I'm trying to make crystal clear is the fact that this person who sits in the Governor's chair is a different gender than those who sat there before, but that makes me no difference when her conduct is as reprehensible as the conduct of the others. When she lies she is a liar. But if it makes you all feel better, I won't refer to her as a lady, I'll refer to her as "he". "He's" been lying to the public, "he" lied when "he" was running. And maybe that is right, maybe it is a he, because Senator Haberman, yesterday, said there is one thing different between him and the Governor, and it wasn't gender that he mentioned. So maybe everybody needs to think about what they are saying. But, regardless of that, this is going to be a rough session. And when they, meaning those who support the Governor, however you want to refer to that individual, can gouge the public and feel that they ought to get away with it, they have got some controversy on their hands. And I am going to oppose them as strongly as I possibly can and with everything